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Improved and Redesigned Website!

We are very pleased to announce the launch of our comprehensively redesigned and greatly improved website! The site has an entirely new look and user-friendly navigation. It also contains state-specific instructions from all 55 states and territories to assist citizens covered under the *Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA)*. There is also a separate section dedicated to information for election officials.

All resources for election officials are now in the new section entitled: For Election Officials. You can

find this page by clicking on the link in the upper right-hand corner of the homepage. Here, you'll find all the great resources of our old website in a new, refreshed, and easy-to-use format. Check out this section of the website for easy-to-read information on USPS mail guidelines, guidelines for faxing and emailing balloting materials, tips for communicating with voters, and much more.

The design and structure of our new website is based upon your feedback. We hope you find it informative, useful, and user-friendly.

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Remember!
There are now new links to the Federal Post Card Application and the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. Update your website with our new links as soon as possible!

A screenshot of the FVAP website homepage. At the top left is the FVAP logo and the text 'FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM' and 'Voting Help For Uniformed Service Members, Their Families, & Citizens Living Outside The U.S.'. Below this is a navigation bar with links for 'HOME', 'UNIFORMED SERVICES MEMBERS', 'CITIZENS OUTSIDE U.S.', 'REFERENCE CENTER', 'FAQ', and 'CONTACT', along with a search box. The main content area is titled 'To Vote Absentee, Start By Telling Us Who You Are'. It features two columns: 'I am a uniformed service member or a family member.' and 'I am a citizen living outside the U.S.'. Each column has a 'Get Started' button. To the right is an 'Election Countdown' section showing '111 Days' and a 'News' section with dates and state names. At the bottom, there is a 'Quick Links' section with several links.

The new and improved Federal Voting Assistance Program homepage!

New Tool for Voters and Election Officials

We encourage voters to use our new tool, now available on our website, to complete the Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Request Form using only the specific information they need for their state. Voters from participating states and jurisdictions may also use the feature to send a completed, signed, and scanned Registration and Ballot Request Form to their local election office and receive their blank ballot online via a secure server. The tool uses a multi-layer approach to security which ensures that the voter's personal information is not viewed by anyone except the intended recipient. These advancements will provide military and overseas voters an easier way to register and request absentee ballots, as well as another alternative to the by-mail process of absentee voting, without sacrificing the security of the voter's identity.

Please contact FVAP or your state election office for more details about participating.

The screenshot shows the FVAP website interface. At the top, it says 'FVAP FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM'. Below that is a navigation menu with 'Home', 'Update Profile', 'FAQ', and 'HELP'. The main heading is 'BALLOT REQUEST FORM'. On the left, there is a sidebar with a list of steps: '1. Eligibility', '>2. My Information', '3. Voting Residence', '4. Mailing Address', '5. Method to Send Form', '6. Method to Receive Ballot', '7. Additional Information', and 'Print and Finish'. The 'My Information' section is active and contains several input fields: 'First Name (required)', 'Middle Name (required)', 'Last Name (required)', 'Suffix (required)', 'Previous Name', 'Political Party', 'Telephone Number', 'Fax Number', 'Email Address', 'Date of Birth (required)', 'Gender', 'Social Security Number (required)', and 'Driver's License or ID Number (required)'. A pop-up window titled 'State Wordings - Microsoft Internet Explorer...' is overlaid on the form, displaying the text: 'The last four digits of your Social Security number OR your Michigan Driver's License number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess either of these identifications, Michigan will assign a number to identify you for voter registration purposes.' At the bottom of the page, it says 'Powered by: InfoPath Forms Services'.

The tool provides voters state-specific information as they are guided through completion of the Voter Registration and Ballot Request Form. Once completed, the voter can view and print their form.

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